

Business Area # 1:
East Cambridge/Galleria

Boundaries: bordered by Somerville, the Charles River, Binney Street, and the Conrail Railroad line

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: The Galleria, Restaurants and retail shops on First Street, restaurants and retail shops on Cambridge Street between #1 and #700, industrial and retail establishments on Bent, Binney, Hurley, and Thorndike Streets.



Cambridgeside Galleria

There were three additional **commercial robberies** in the Galleria/East Cambridge business district between July and December of 2002 raising the total for this crime type to eight incidents for the year. There were five commercial robberies in Business District # 1 in the first three months of 2002. Three of these five robberies involved unarmed heists of pushcarts at the Galleria Mall in March. There was a six-month hiatus between the Mall robberies and the next incident at a Canal Park bank in October. Two days after the bank robbery a knife-wielding suspect held up an O'Brien Highway gas station. The final robbery of the year in the Galleria / East Cambridge business district was at a Cambridge Street video rental store in December. Commercial robberies have been on the increase in this business district since the start of the new millennium in contrast to only two of these crime types reported between 1995 and 1999 in this area. • The only discernible **commercial burglary** pattern in this business district in 2002 was a series of breaks in to auto sales and rental establishments on Monsignor O'Brien Highway in late March. This rash of weekend night burglaries was eradicated with the arrest of a Somerville resident in April. Target hardening techniques and patrol strategies continue to be effective in suppressing commercial breaks in the 200 to 700 block of Cambridge Street which has had a history of being susceptible to burglary patterns. • **Larceny from the building** fell 13% in this business district in 2001 and continues this decline with 14 fewer incidents recorded here in 2002. Close to thirty percent of all larcenies from building in Business District one fall into the scenario of unguarded employees property being stolen from rear storage areas at the Galleria Mall. Three others crime modus operandi scenarios that dominate here are: the pilfering of cash and credit cards from lockers at local health clubs; the theft of power tools from construction site gang boxes, and laptop theft from research and hi-tech firms. • Arrests by private security at two or three of the anchor stores at the Galleria Mall account for 85% of the **shoplifting** arrests in this business district and forty percent of the annual citywide total.

CRIME	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Larceny from Building	106	98	117	102	88
Larceny from Person	31	42	53	54	37
Commercial Burglary	24	19	21	16	26
Commercial Robbery	1	0	5	4	8
Shoplifting	181	165	136	184	150
Fraud/Flim	82	107	108	81	98
Flam/Counterfeiting					

